



West Somerset Railway Association

Synopsis of the Board Meeting held on 12 August 2019

1. Ford Farm Development (Norton Fitzwarren)

We learnt that we had been offered pro bono advice by Professor Mike McDonald of the University of Southampton (and a resident of Watchet) to assist us in understanding the effect of this proposed development on our land, and thus protect our interests.

2. Steam Fayre & Rally

Geoff Garfield reported it had been a very good year, with over 6,400 visitors, and a likely profit of at least £37K.

3. Rail Renewal Appeal

We were delighted to learn that the total was nearly £80,000 including Gift Aid.

4. Volunteer Steering Committee

We agreed the recommendation of this Committee that senior management should set an example by being DBS checked, and agreed that all Trustees would be checked.

5. Mike Thompson

Mike explained his background as a volunteer Guard and TTI on the railway, and a career as a provider of systems to airlines on maximising revenue from passengers and minimising costs. He was advising the Board of the Plc on how to achieve this on the WSR.